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Together Bringing Hope to Children & Families

Our mission 'We seek to reflect God's image as we care for and protect children, empower and preserve families and mobilise our community'

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Message from **The Director**

Argus cycling training has begun for Beautiful Gate riders!

Once again we shall be riding the Pick n Pay Cape Argus Cycle Tour (<http://www.cycletour.co.za/>) - a 110km race around the mountains of the Cape Peninsula happening on 13th of March! This year, Beautiful Gate will be entering with a group of some 30 cyclists all riding to raise support for the children of Crossroads! Sponsors can sponsor the riders and donations will go towards the Child Care Centre in Lower Crossroads providing safety and care to vulnerable children between the ages of 0 and 12 years, facing abandonment, abuse and rape.

As always, staff from Beautiful Gate will also ride, along with friends from around Cape Town as well as riders from a local oil company and sponsor, Tullow Oil. BG staff, Sonwabile Dwangu, Tino Tadokera and I are excited for the challenge!

To donate, send your pledge to support@beautifulgate.org

Vaughan Stannard

MACAIDS BRING COLOUR AND LOVE TO CROSSROADS – Living a legacy & memories



The MACAIDS team came during December with the intention of not only donating money because they support our HIV Clinic program, but they also wanted to get involved with the community. They painted the 50m wall showing their skill in art; how beautiful and colourful it is. The team was mostly made up of young people and that alone shows how passionate they are to improve and change our country as a whole.

They also played games with our children as the kids were enjoying the goodies that the team brought. We appreciate everyone's participation in changing our children's lives and community.

DONATION OF SOCCER KIT COMES HANDY

The little ones are having fun!

The World Cup is long gone but the fun still continues. Beautiful Gate was recently blessed with lots of soccer balls and two soccer nets donated from Konica Minolta. What was especially nice, is that some of the soccer balls were very small and just the right size for our little toddlers and soft enough for wild throws and attempted catches. Thanks again Konica Minolta you brought many smiles to our children.

The balls are very handy to get our kids busy as they play around to remain physically fit. The nets are small enough for them as it will not allow too many goals to be scored.



HOPE FOR CHILD HEADED FAMILY

Through the sadness, confusion and stress



A 17 year boy feeling confused about how to go on with life, bringing up a 10 year sister (child headed household). "We do not know what to do, our mother passed away in September 2010".

Their mother used to be a vendor at one of the schools to make a living, augmenting that with a child support grant of R250. The boy came to Beautiful Gate not knowing where to start. They are living in their parent's house, continuing with school. Our social worker and the school teachers are working together to support them emotionally and practically.

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Celebrating the time of giving and receiving

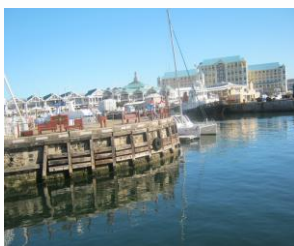
It has become our tradition to host a Christmas party for children every year. This was the last day of school so children finished school and went straight to the party. Up to 200 children attended.



The teenagers from our youth groups organized activities and games keeping the 200 very excited. The party started with the Nativity Story as Father Christmas narrated. The jumping castle is always popular with kids and even adults sometimes wish they were younger. One of the volunteers even joined the kids much to everyone's amusement. She latter chuckled "ah we didn't have jumping castles in our own time".

OUTING TO ROBBER ISLAND

Lot of fun, laughter and adventure!



On the 11th of February our children travelled for the first time to Robben Island. They knew the background of the Island through learning from history at school. Oh you could see their beaming faces on arrival.

When they heard that their hero Tata Mandela was in prison here, they started asking a lot of questions. The group visited his cell where he used to do lots of things, it's amazing really. The guides even showed them the blanket that Mandela used when he slept at night. The children took a cruise by boat for the first time – some were excited while others were scared. Thank you to the church that arranged this tour.

EQUIPING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR FUTURE

What happens after the matric.....

About 37 young people from Lower Crossroads attended the presentation by Volunteer Centre in partnership with Beautiful Gate to give the grade 12s a chance to explore the work environment.



The two programs: Office Volunteer Training and Youth Cultural Exchange were explained to them. A total of 30 students applied to take part in the training which will be for three days and they will be placed in other organizations for three months. There are also those who applied for the youth exchange program. These programmes are aimed to expose the students to more opportunities.

Would you like to help a child? Kindly join our Sponsor A Child programme for a minimum monthly donation of R120/£15/€20/\$25 or more. Contact us on: +27 (0)21 370 2524. Email sponsorachild@beautifulgate.org

CELEBRATING LIVES OF THOSE WHO LIVE WITH HIV...Light the candle of hope



This year we celebrated World AIDS Day (1 December) with a special candle-lighting ceremony. The candles were lit for each of our beloved children who have died over the years of HIV. It was a moving and meaningful time of thanking the Lord for the children, family and friends who have touched our lives before passing.

All was not gloom, however, as afterwards we were able to celebrate and pray for those children who are still alive! Many of them have returned to their families or have gone to foster families. With ARV's, many children (and adults!) are enjoying quality in their life and we thank the Lord for the HOPE we have for our children's future! We all have someone close to us who is positive and how special to know that we care for them.

Beautiful Gate is a non-denominational Christian organisation that demonstrates the love of God by helping all those in need, no matter what their background or faith.

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